Carter County Tomorrow, LLC November 26, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes Oppraved Steve Jaurance

Present – Jon Carley, Delisa LaFleur, Charles LaPorte, Rob Toney, Pat Hicks, Sonja Culler, Keith Hart, Steve Lowrance, Chandrea Shell, John Thompson, Kent Williams, Tom Anderson, Kim Eggers, Tonya Stevens, Annika Hampton, Ken Ray, Max Hrenda

Sonya Culler made motion to approve October minutes 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat Hicks motion passed.

Charles LaPorte made motion to approve financial report 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sonja Culler motion passed.

Representative Kent Williams gave update on Fish Hatchery. A meeting has been set December 13<sup>th</sup> with Lt. Gov. Ron Ramsey, TWRA Commissioner, Susan Whitaker to make plans to go to Texas to learn more on the bonding package. Also commented on what an extreme vital the Fish Hatchery would bring to local Tourism.

## Reports:

Tourism — Annika Hampton updated that during down season Tourism was planning a small fishing tournament and planning to be more involved in local events. Also visited Roan Mountain Citizens Club in efforts to communicate better relations and promote the local events. Hotel/Motel has increased by reaching out to some lodging facilities.

Chamber – Tonya Stevens gave updates on the continuing work on new membership for the Chamber. Also improvements have been made to the e-mail and website. Have had several ribbon cuttings. The small business with the National Chamber and American Express went very well. Also the Christmas parade is set for Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup>.

Workforce Development Complex – Kim reported the Tennessee State Fire Marshal office approved plans and Fleenor Security can resume work on the fire alarm system for building #2. They are scheduled to install the alarm system during Northeast College Christmas break December 15<sup>th</sup>. Our maintenance men have been working at the Chamber installing flooring and remolding for the Arts & Crafts Store. Due to being part of the partnership this is a large labor cost savings for the Chamber & Tourism. Also WDC Christmas party is set for December 14th from 12:00-3:00.

Economic Development – Tom Anderson reported updates on the NCI access road are still in progress, dealing with wetlands issues. He also updated board on looking at a 20 acre parcel of land to get certified for the State Site Certification Program. Working with City on retail infill, possible Dr. Hopland's property, should know within 90 days. The Tax Exempt Bond with Milligan College and Carter County Bank for new resident's hall has been completed.

A specialty food packaging company is interested in relocate in Carter County which is in Florida wanting to relocate. The job creation would be about 15-18 jobs up to 60 within 3 years and looking at Okolona exit to be near interstate access.

Also a new company has settled in Elizabethton and as many as 45 new positions have been filled. The state is putting the finishing touches on the incentive packages and will be announced later.

Tom also updated on a corporation is looking to consolidate to one location and because of confidentiality laws prevent from revealing the identity in which will be call "Project Diesel". It's a global manufacturing distributor that deals with emission controls, potential 250 jobs to the area. Meeting is set next month on location.

Business Discussed – Motion for CCT Board meetings to be every other month  $\mathbf{1}^{\text{st}}$  by Pat Hicks  $\mathbf{2}^{\text{nd}}$  by Jon Carley motion passed.

Next meeting is January 28, 2013

Meeting adjourned:

**Recording minutes** 

Kim Eggers